Purpose:
The core business of the Victor Harbor Community Kindergarten is to support children’s individual needs. In this respect, we aim to promote allergy awareness amongst our preschool community and minimize the risk to our children.

Strategies for Prevention
* Promote our centre as allergy friendly and allergy aware community. To include this policy as part of the enrollment process.
* To Inform all users of our centre of potential allergy triggers of our current enrolments and ask that the following guidelines be adhered to:

** Foods containing nut or sunflower seed products are discouraged- including peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches, loose nuts, muesli bars or other foods with nut based ingredients.**
** Parents to check with staff before any animals are brought onto premises e.g. for show and tell, in case of any fur allergies.**

* Staff will intervene if a possible allergy trigger food comes for a child’s snack or lunch time food. The child will be asked to eat this particular food away from the group—and then asked to wash hands thoroughly to minimize the risk of a reaction for the sensitive child.

* Staff will prepare all foods at kindergarten will be in accordance with the needs of every child’s health requirements.

* Staff will include Allergy awareness with the children as part of the program to develop understanding of good health and safety.

* Staff will assist children to know about their potential triggers and learning to manage their allergy.

* The Director negotiates with cleaners for all mats and carpet areas to be cleaned daily to reduce dust triggers.

Intervention: Emergency Procedures in case of a reaction:
* Children with strong reactions to triggers will be required to have a health plan documented by a health care professional for staff and any medication properly labeled and kept on site.

* Staff will be trained in Epi-Pen use in preparation.

* The Ambulance will be called if an Epi-Pen has been used.

* Parents or the Ambulance will be called for any powerful unexplained reaction to possible triggers, for the safety of the child.

APPROVED AND CHECKED BY:
AUTHORIZED:

VHCK CENTRE DIRECTOR \( \underline{\text{DATE}} \)

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPS. \( \underline{\text{DATE}} \)